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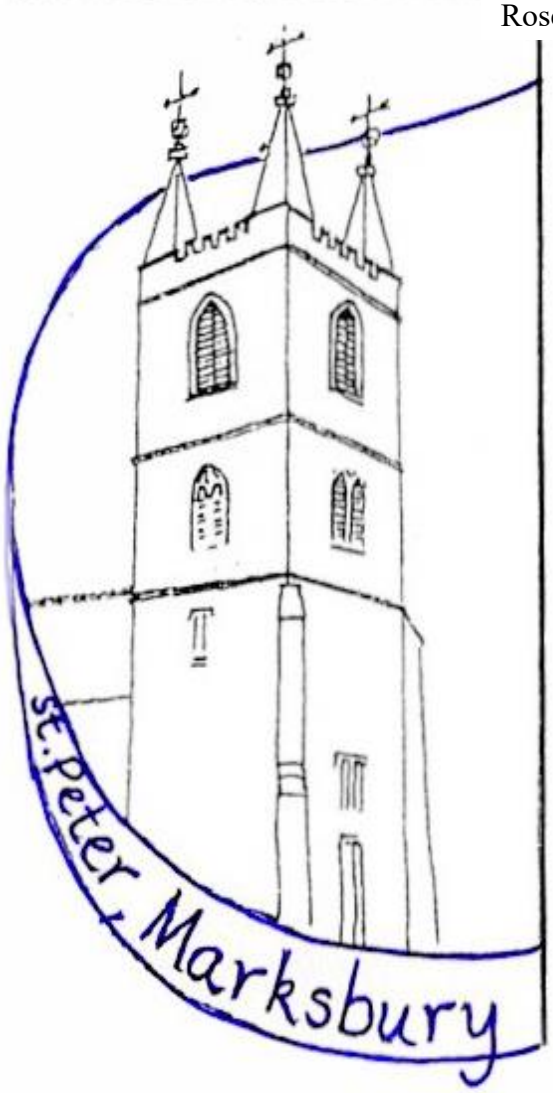


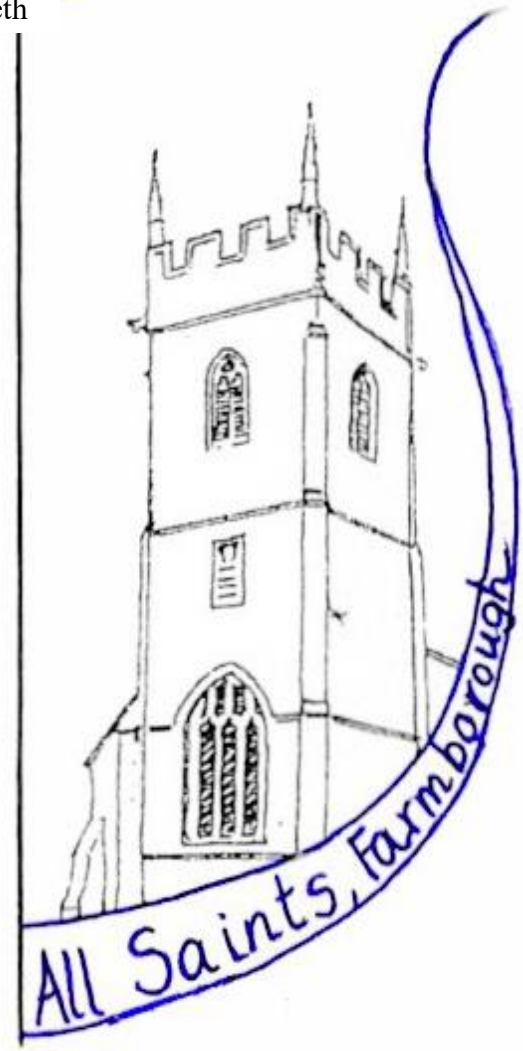
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Services for June 2021.

ANY QUERIES PLEASE CHECK CHURCH NOTICEBOARDS or CONTACT A CHURCH WARDEN [see page 3]

	06/06/21	13/06/21	20/06/21	27/06/21 ST PETERS DAY
Farmbor ough 11am	Holy Communion Revd. James Balliston-Thicke	*Family & Friends with Trevor James a Pioneer Minister	Holy Communion Revd. Anne-Marie Bird	11am Benefice service Marksbury
Interce ssor Farmbor ough	Lisa Hegan	Jan Jones	Ann Swabey	
Reader Farmborough	Genesis 3 8 - 15, 2 Corinthians 4 13 – 5.1: *Liz Ladd* Mark 3 20 - end; *Barbara Chard*	Mark 4 26 - 34; *Charlie & Nicky Stone*	Job 38 1 - 11/ 2 Corinthians 6 1 - 13; *Tom Cook*. Mark 4 35 - end; *David Willis*	
Flower rota Farmborough	Sally Davis			
Marksbury 20th 9.30am 27th 11.00am	No service	No service	Morning Prayer	Benefice service Canon Stephen Purvis
Stanton Prior 9.30am	Family & Friends	Holy Communion Revd. Derek Smith	No service	11am Benefice service Marksbury

*ALL SAINTS' FRIENDS and FAMILY SERVICE JUNE 13th.

All being well, we look forward to inviting Trevor James to our Family and Friends service in June. Previous attempts to invite him have been thwarted by lockdowns! Trevor is Pioneer Minister serving the parish of St John's in Keynsham, particularly the expanding development of Hygge Park on the edge of the town. It will be great to hear of his experience in the role so far, and to think of possible ways we can reach out to our wider community. That is, of course, assuming we don't have another lockdown…….!

Chris .

Church opening times for Private Prayer.

Farmborough & Stanton Prior are open for prayer, each day from 9.00am to 3.00pm, while Marksbury are open on Wednesday & Sunday, also from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

A **weekly sheet with prayers and Bible readings continues to be available by e-mail** and could be used as a basis for worship, if you would like to be included on the distribution list for the virtual service contact your PCC Secretary [details page 3]
If you do not have internet access one can be printed off for you.

The Diocese of Bath & Wells also has links to prayers & services which you may wish to access using the following link….

https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/



FLAG DAYS FOR JUNE 2021

2nd	Coronation of Elizabeth ll - 1953
3rd	Day of Thanksgiving (Corpus Christi)
11th	Barnabas - Apostle
14th	Official Birthday of Queen Elizabeth ll
21st	Prince William born 1982
24th	John the Baptist
26th	Armed Forces Day
29th	Peter and Paul - Apostles

CHURCH NEWS.

During the interregnum

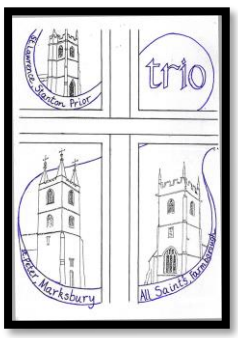


ENQUIRIES about baptism, confirmation and weddings should be made by contacting one of the Churchwardens in the relevant Parish.



AND SAY HELLO

If you have new neighbours, please let a Churchwarden know so they can receive a copy of Trio & a 'hello' from the Church family.



This month more bloopers, announcements and some 'smile lines!'

JUMP

A minister invited to preach at a local prison regrettably chose the text:
'With the help of my God, I will leap over the wall.'

Welcome to the June edition of Trio.

Saintly Surprises



It's Marksbury church's Patronal Festival this month. St Peter is commemorated by the Church on 29th June, and 'Petertide' is the time for ordinations. This year, the nearest Sunday is the 27th, and there's going to be a united benefice service to celebrate our patron saint. I started to think, why do we have patron saints at all? Maybe everyone else knows – if so, please pardon my ignorance!

I came across a nice little rhyme about Cornwall: 'St Cubert, St Clement, St Cleer; St Tudy, St Levan, St.Kea '. They are among the sixty or so saints whose names are associated with Cornish towns and villages. Sixty! That set me on a search, and this is what I discovered: all churches, by their very reason for existing, are dedicated to God, but in around the fourth century, the practice of dedicating a place of worship to one or more patron saints began. The word patron, rooted in the Latin for Father, can mean one who supports, a guardian, a protector. The saints were chosen for many reasons, maybe a local worthy, or someone who had been buried nearby, as happened in Milan, in the year 386. It wasn't common practice in England, but when a patron saint *was* chosen, the dedication occurred at the consecration of a new church building. Then in 1229, the Bishop of Worcester decreed that all churches in his diocese must display, near the altar, the name and date of dedication of the patron saint. Many mediæval churches displayed an image of the saint as well, and celebrated the saint's feast day in what is now known as the patronal festival.

Naturally, the Protestant Reformation in England swept all this away in a backlash against the revering of saints; the Book of Common Prayer doesn't contain a dedication service, and with few new churches being built, the practice died away, and by the eighteenth century, many old dedications were lost or forgotten. Leave it to the Victorians to revive the custom! Many churches rediscovered their original dedications, and some embellished them, so we have such names as 'St Michael and All Angels', 'All Hallows' and 'The Blessed Virgin Mary'. Nowadays, the usage of

patron saints' names is universal, especially in towns where several parish churches serve the population. There's a 'Top Thirty' list of names. All Saints comes second, (after St Mary) with 1,467 of the 16,500 churches in England so dedicated - was that because PCCs couldn't agree on one particular saint, I wonder? St Peter comes third with 1,327 and St Lawrence is fourteenth , with 245. Then there are saints chosen for local connections; a church might be near the site of a saint's activity, such as St Culbone in Devon, St Beza at St Bees in Cumberland, and St Congar at Badgeworth in Somerset (hence Congresbury, near where the saint is said to have performed three miracles). As for Cornwall, many of its saints were Irish missionaries, and a glance at the map will explain how they came to arrive there, mostly in the 4th and 5th centuries. So if you want to find out about Austell, Blaise, Gerren, Menefrida, Petroc, Wenna, or any mentioned in the little rhyme I quoted, you must either go to Cornwall, or closer to home, consult Google, (not yet a saint).

We are lucky to share a very united benefice, friendly and co-operative in all sorts of ways. And even more so when we come to our dedications. Farmborough and Marksbury churches both celebrate St Peter (think about it – *all* saints), and so Farmborough *and* Stanton Prior celebrate St Lawrence. Added to which, St Peter's at Marksbury doesn't have a solo image of Peter, although he is there in a relief picture of the Last Supper, whereas Stanton has one of Peter (pictured above), as well as its own Lawrence! How helpful we are to each other. And round the back at Marksbury, on the outside east wall, is what I am convinced is a stone 'keyhole.' Churches dedicated to Peter display keys or keyholes, to remind us of Jesus's promise to his disciple,' I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven…'

Happy St Peter's Day!

Judith



All Saints' Flower Rota - can you help please?

Unfortunately, we have lost a few regulars from the flower rota so if you would like to be involved please contact Catherine Taylor 472137.

Thank you.



A message from
Ruth Worsley
Bishop of Taunton

A time to learn

‘I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught,’ wrote Winston Churchill. I think many of us would echo that thought!
A huge ‘thank you’ to our teachers and all who support our schools! There has been a tremendous effort across our diocese to ensure our children have been able to continue their education during lockdowns and the need to restrict normal practice. Not only have the children been learning but teaching staff have also been going ‘back to school’ in order to find new means of communication. Governors, church communities and individual volunteers have gone the extra mile too, to encourage our teachers through gifts and cards and prayer. The whole school team deserves our gratitude.
Learning online is a challenge. Those of us who are spending many hours in Zoom rooms online these days can vouch for that. It’s tiring! And it is not just our children who have found it so. At the end of this month we shall be celebrating the ordinations of our new priests. Last year they were ordained as deacons in September following three months as lay curates as a result of the pandemic restrictions.
What a year to be a deacon! They’ve had a very different learning experience than would normally be expected. Not so much opportunity of the ‘hands-on’ experience yet perhaps an even more profound learning possibility. I’m looking forward to hearing their stories!

We shall be repeating the new pattern of ordinations with our incoming deacons being licensed as lay curates initially this June. For them, colleges and courses have taken place principally online and they’ve had experience of digital worship on top of regular lectures and seminars. How might that prepare them for our ‘new normal’ of blended worship, with live-streaming of services in person?
As the Church emerges into this ‘new normal’ we have the opportunity together to learn and discover new things, new gifts, new ways of being the people of God. It is the same good God, the same story of His love to share with others, but there’s a new landscape. How might you and your community respond to that? What have you learnt in this time? And how might that learning change you and the way you do things? Do share your stories with us!
“One learns from books and example only that certain things can be done. Actual learning requires that you do those things.” (Frank Herbert)

Every blessing

Bishop Ruth

THE BELFRY BULLETIN



HAS some sort of normality returned?

With relaxation of COVID restrictions and guidelines issued by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers we have, at last, returned to six bell ringing at All Saints'.

On a more personal note, on Monday May 17 2021 I joined five other campanologists at Bath Abbey to ring a quarter peal of 1260 changes of Grandsire Doubles.
It was rung to celebrate the reopening of the Abbey to visitors after many months of closure.
Things are returning to normal after all!

Patrick Bridges
All Saints' Tower Captain

'Left hand down a bit'



You may remember back in April during the warm dry spell there were hot air balloons over the area on several evenings.

This photo was taken on Tuesday April 20 2021 at 19.35 as one had a close shave passing the Church Tower at All Saints'.

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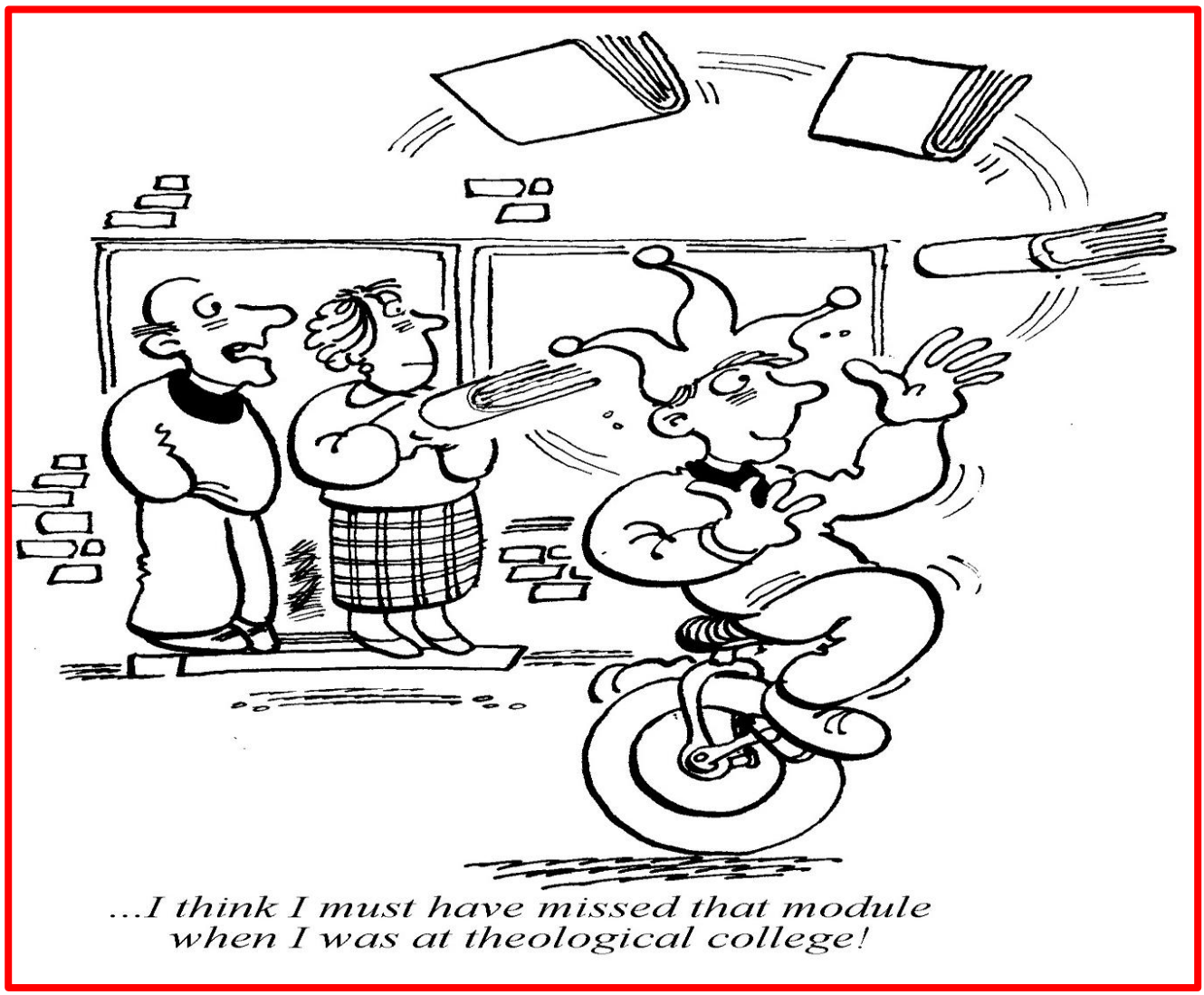
Parish of St Lawrence, Stanton Prior

APCM Report

The Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting
was held in Stanton Prior Church
on Wednesday 19th May.

The meeting was chaired by Alistair Hardwick, with 6 people present. Reports on the Church during the year reflected the unusual circumstances which have affected:
services, regular opening and the finances of the Church, however the church remains optimistic and looks forward to better times in 2021!
All PCC members and officers were re-elected.

Valerie Hardwick





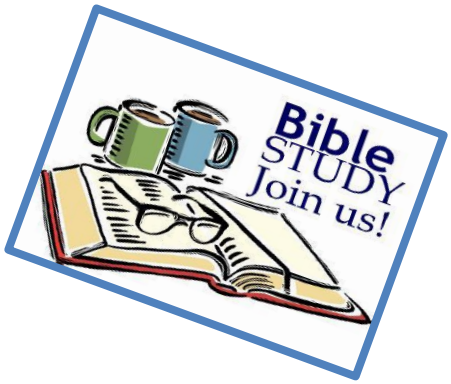
BIBLE STUDY, St Peter's Marksbury,

7.30pm Thursday June 17th.

We are planning some Bible Study meetings during the summer and autumn on the theme of the so-called "minor prophets".

This collection of a dozen short books tucked in at the end of the Old Testament can be easily glossed over; they rarely feature in the Sunday lectionary readings or sermons.

These prophets are "minor" because their books are short, not because they are less relevant. Information about some of these characters is very scanty, and some of them seem to be quite eccentric!



However, the books are well worth more than a casual glance, and they contain some important teaching, often looking forward to the New Testament.

We hope to introduce them in their historical context and there will be a chance to discuss some of the messages of the books and their relevance to us today.

Each session will stand alone, not part of a "course", so you are warmly welcome to dip in and out. We are starting with the book of Amos (alphabetically the first, also one of the earliest).

The **next session will be on Thursday 22nd July** and, depending how we get on, we hope to restart in the autumn.

Please do join us on this voyage of discovery! JH/CRL

BELIEF

Our elderly vicar was very devout, but sometimes lost his place during the service. One Sunday as we reached the Creed there was a long silence, so the curate went across to him and gently touched his arm. "I believe in God," she whispered.

The vicar smiled back happily. "Oh so do I, so do I!"

"Village Scarecrow Trail"
- On a "Royal "theme

£25 prize

Best Scarecrow



Saturday 12th June

9am – 4.30pm

Route maps for the trail from the church for £2..50

(Cakes and goodies also on sale)

Wander around the village and choose the winner !

More Information:

Jan Jones 01761 750840

Lisa Hegan 01749 831672

Forms for entering a scarecrow available from the church porch, the village shop or lisa@hrdbristol.co.uk.

(Host gardens available to display your scarecrow if required)

Notable people celebrated by the Church.

Two notable people remembered in the lectionary for June:



Window in St Petroc's Church, Bodmin

June 4 - Saint Petroc : birthdate unknown – died c. 564 near Padstow in Cornwall. He was probably born in South Wales, and is thought to have been a prince, the son of a Welsh chieftain. He studied in Ireland, made a pilgrimage to Rome, and on return, the wind and tide brought him to Trebetherick in Cornwall. He ministered throughout Dumnonia, which included Cornwall and parts of Devon, Somerset and Dorset. His major shrine was always at St Petroc's church, Bodmin, where the casket which once held his relics may still be seen. It is also said that relics of the saint were presented to Exeter Cathedral by King Athelstan of England who annexed Cornwall in 936.



Thomas Ken,by F.Scheffer, National Portrait Gallery

June 8 – Thomas Ken: 1637-1711 Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1684-1691. He was the brother-in-law of Isaak Walton, the devout writer, who influenced him greatly. Educated at Winchester College and Oxford University, Ken was ordained in 1662, then held livings in Essex, the Isle of Wight and Hampshire, after which he returned to Winchester, becoming a prebendary of the cathedral and chaplain to the bishop. There, a keen musician, he composed hymns, including 'Glory to thee, my God, this night'. In 1679 he was appointed by Charles II as chaplain to Princess Mary, wife of William of Orange in the Hague, and later became chaplain to Charles himself. Ken also figures in Pepys' diary. It was in 1684 that Ken became bishop of Bath and Wells. The King wanted to appoint him, because he had shown some spirit in objecting to the presence of Nell Gwynne in Winchester! After Charles' death, Ken was briefly imprisoned in the Tower for refusing to publish James II's Declaration of Indulgence, and later, on feeling

unable to swear allegiance to William of Orange, he, as a non-juror, was forced to leave his bishopric. He retired to Longleat, with Thomas Thynne, Ist Viscount Weymouth, a friend from college days. Ken's influence helped Thynne to become a benefactor, and among other good deeds, he, with Ken founded what is now Warminster School. On Ken's death, in 1711, he was buried at St John's Church, Frome, it being the nearest church in the diocese of Bath and Wells, where his crypt can still be seen.

In the Marksbury Prayer Diary this month, we pray for the village and especially for homes from Whidcombe Farm down to the Green.



Remember..

North East Somerset & Bath Methodist Circuit
Area Minister: Revd. David Winstanley Tel: 01761 439 934
40 North Meadows, Peasedown St.John, Bath BA2 8PS
Information if required at present can be obtained from
Revd.David Winstanley via e-mail:- dwin64@hotmail.com

CURATE

As the enthusiastic curate was preparing to move on to his first church as a vicar, a parishioner asked him what he thought had been his main contribution to the life of the church.

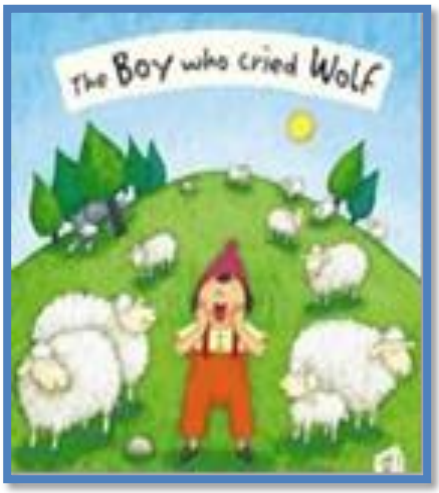
He replied: "People here didn't know what sin was until I came."

Farmborough & Marksbury Schools



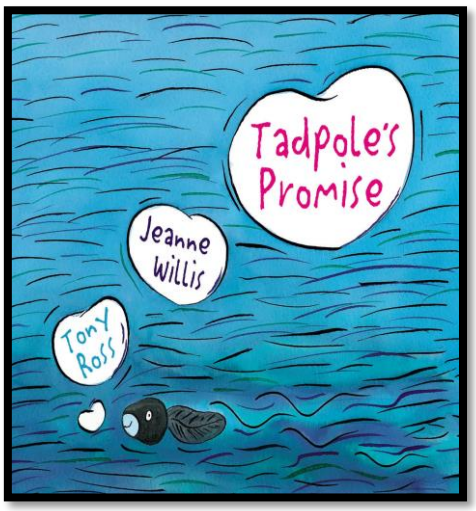
Take a look at their websites to find out more about life at our schools.
https://www.farmboroughchurchprimary.org.uk/
https://www.marksburyschool.org.uk/

This term's Christian value is **TRUTHFULNESS**.



The story of The Boy who cried Wolf was shared at Marksbury School to 'reinforce the point that we try to always encourage the children to tell the truth even when it is sometimes difficult, as this gives us all the chance to sort out difficult situations. We are also thinking about how we can be more empathetic and think about others feelings in a variety of situations. This helps us to work with the children to resolve fall outs both in and out of class.'

At Farmborough the Tadpole's Promise was shared with a group during circle time to show how sometimes we cannot keep a promise through no fault of our own. The story is about a Tadpole who loves his rainbow friend, the caterpillar, and she tells him she loves everything about him. "Promise that you will never change," she says. But as the seasons pass and he matures, his legs grow, and then his arms - and what happens to his beautiful rainbow friend? As he sits on his lily pad, digesting a butterfly, Tadpole little realises that now he will never know!



FARMBOROUGH

TRAVEL TO TOKYO CHALLENGE… Pupils are travelling, virtually, through activities which are rewarded with kms travelled to Tokyo for the Olympics. The Travel to Tokyo website is where Farmborough School Team record their progress & they are now well underway having travelled from London to Paris, then on to Athens their next destination is Atlanta, USA which is 5,632 km away and then there is still 41,145 km to go to get to Tokyo!





YEAR 6 MULTI–SPORTS FESTIVAL

Year 6 attended a multi-sports festival at the Midsomer Norton cricket ground. It was the first event of its kind for a long time and thoroughly enjoyed by all, pupils took part in a variety of team sports. It was great to get out and about again, be active and attend an event with other schools – only having one heavy downpour was also a bonus. Well done Year 6 for representing Farmborough well and helping to show that sports events like this are able to be held safely. Let's hoping there'll be many more to enjoy before the end of the year.

MARKSBURY



Puddle class enjoyed some outdoor time as well as their gym this week during PE.
They love seeing Mrs Lewis every week and really enjoy learning new skills.

Thank you up and Under Sports.

Chick Chick Chick, Chick, Chicken:



The children have been chick crazy recently as they welcomed Mark and Kim into school (our baby bantams). They have taken up residence in the entrance hall and are visited very regularly by the children and staff. They are being totally spoiled by everyone and enjoy many cuddles every day. They have been stretching their wings and showing off their new feathers.



We have also attempted to teach them to walk down the corridor on command (not so successful)!

GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan.

She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

Farmborough Church Primary School has a vacancy for a Community Governor

Farmborough Church Primary School is set in the heart of the village, serving the needs of the local community and beyond, and is part of The Partnership Trust. The school has a local governing body made up of volunteers from the parent and wider community and we are currently looking for a community governor that doesn't have children at the school (as our parent quota is filled), to join our friendly governance team.

Our governors have a range of backgrounds, skills and experience, and all share a common interest in wanting the best possible education for our children. What is important is a positive approach, an enthusiasm, interest, and willingness to learn. There is training and support available for all governors.

The role of the Local Governing Body includes:

- Helping to set and review the school's strategic direction and development plan.
- Holding the headteacher and school leaders to account for the education performance of the school and its pupils
- Helping to oversee the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent.

Governors work collaboratively with the school to support it in achieving the very best. The role involves some monitoring activity as well as preparing for and attending Local Governing Body meetings (approximately 6 over the course of the year).

You can find out more about the school from our website: https://farmboroughchurchprimary.org.uk/.
If you are interested in this role, please contact the Headteacher, Darren Roberts, for an informal chat and a tour of the school.



Farmborough Church Primary School has a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor



We are looking for a new Lunchtime Supervisor to join our lunchtime team.

This would involve working from 12-1pm to help with the children having their lunchtime and play outside.

The number of days to be worked is negotiable so if you know anyone who might like to join our staff team, please let them know about this and ask them to contact the school (01761 470714) for more information and an application form.

BATH AND WELLS..

The Manna magazine has now changed to a monthly mailing format allowing Parish Magazine Editors to include items.



INTERVIEW: An absolute delight

Sharon Warmington, CEO of the National Black Governors Network, explains how improving school governor and leadership diversity benefits everyone.

What brought about the National Black Governors Network (NBGN)?
After many years of being both a governor and a clerk to governing bodies, I realised I was often the only person of colour in the room, and I felt very strongly that that needed to change.

You recently led a session for Somerset schools on Bridging the Diversity Gap, what did that cover?
I always try and promote an honest conversation, suspending political correctness and pussyfooting around the challenges. We talked about governance through the lens of race and identified practical steps to help them recruit and retain a more diverse governing body, without it being a box ticking exercise.

What kind of practical steps can schools take?
Skills audits and succession planning is one area to look at. If you review your governing body and realise that you could really do with supplementing your legal skills, where are you going to look for that person? Have you approached the Society of Black Lawyers? You may feel that you are lacking a young person's voice. Have you approached your local university to see if any students would be interested?

Does every school need a diverse governing body?
Not every child's school or village has a diverse population, but they are experiencing that diversity on social and other media, so it is important that they see and hear those different faces and voices in their school life.

What are your hopes for the future for schools?
There are no quick wins here. Change will take time. Every school needs good governance and I hope to continue to support schools in their bid to diversify their governing boards and also their leadership teams.

Find out more: https://www.nbgn.co.uk/
https://thegovernorspodcast.buzzsprout.com/1684594

News in brief from Bath & Wells Diocese.

Twin your bin!



Today, quite rightly, we are concerned about our rubbish, whether it be the quantity, type or what happens to it but how about being part of this initiative?

Join St Andrew's Church, Backwell and twin your bins with Tearfund.

Around 2 billion people worldwide don't have their rubbish collected. By **twinning your bin** for **£45**, you can help fund a community project that's preventing disease, protecting the environment, and creating jobs.

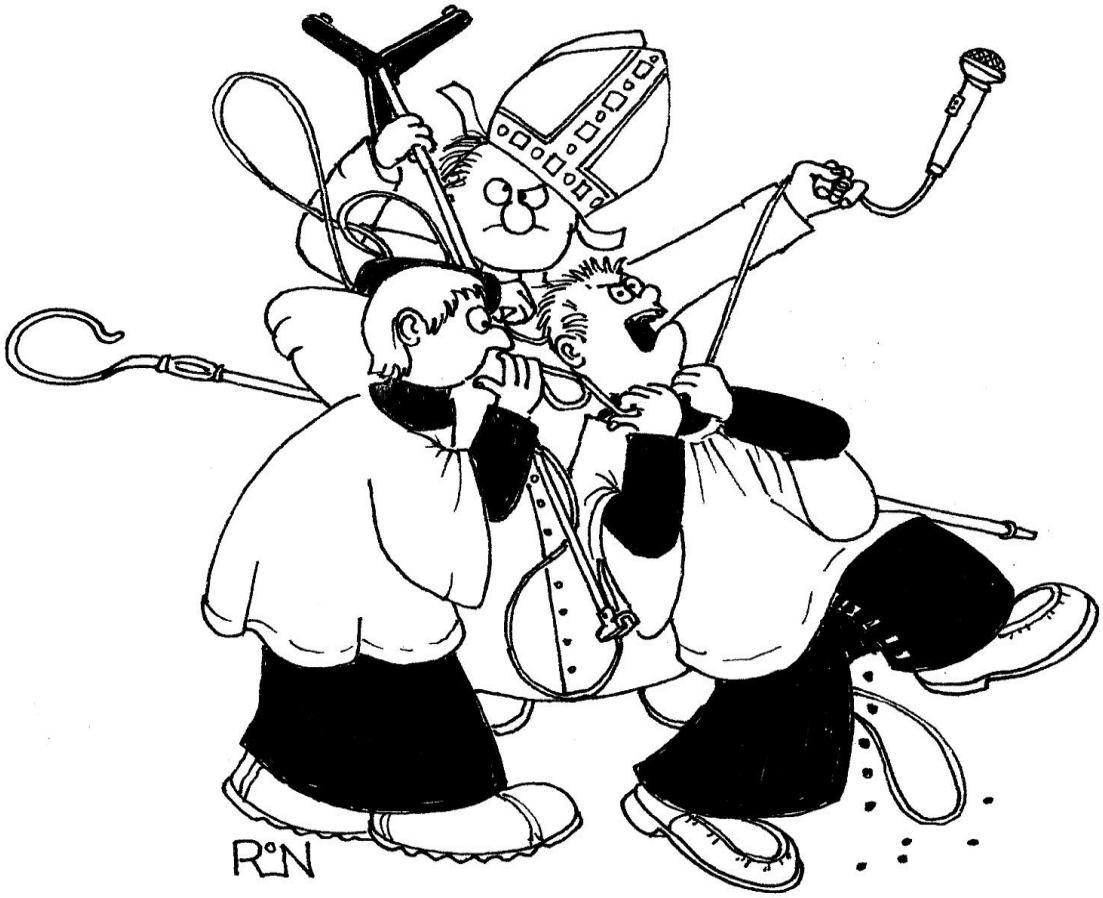
Jane Canning from St Andrew's said: "We're delighted to be involved with an initiative of such global reach and importance. I worked in Tanzania for two years. I expected terrible roads and poverty, what shocked me was that nobody collected our rubbish. We had to burn it or bury it in the garden."
Find out more about Bin Twinning
https://www.bintwinning.org/

Marking a year of chaplaincy

Just over a year ago, Ewen Huffman became Chaplain to Hinckley Point C, the first salaried Chaplain to the construction industry. Starting work at Europe's largest building site just as a global pandemic took hold was never going to be easy, but Ewen has continued to work on site throughout the year and has quickly become a familiar and valued part of the team. He's established a Christian group, runs regular prayer meetings and works alongside other health and mental health workers to provide support to anyone who needs it.

FRIEND?

Arriving at church to attend a wedding, a formidable looking lady in a large hat was greeted by the usher.
"Are you a friend of the groom?" he ventured.
"Certainly not," she said indignantly. "I'm the bride's mother."



After months of lockdown, the Sunday procession probably needed some practice.

OUT TO GRAZE

A group of elderly British tourists were touring Holland by bus. They stopped at a cheese farm where a young guide led them through the process of making cheese from goat's milk. She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing.

"These," she explained, "are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce." She then asked, "What do you do in Britain with your old goats?"

A spry old gentleman answered: "They send us on bus tours!"

From the Parish Pump, a resource for Church magazine editors, Nigel Beeton writes: *'June! And maybe, just maybe, we'll be able to get out on our holidays this summer! I wonder if you'll send any post cards? Or will a quick post on Facebook or Instagram get you off the hook? Anyway, post cards or not, let's hope we can enjoy the summer!*

The Post Card

A post card from you sent to me
Causes me to smile with glee!
I can't have the blues
As I read the news
Of your time with the sun and the sea!



I love how it lands on the mat
So it's there when I hang up my hat;
And no more time passes
Ere I reach for my glasses
And happily read all your chat!

A message by text's not the same.
And Facebook is all just a game.
I know some will say
It's the new modern way,
But the lack of a card? It's a shame!
By Nigel Beeton

With Father's Day in mind:



What a father says to his children is not heard by the world, but it will be heard by posterity. – *Richter*

Directly after God in heaven comes Papa. – *Mozart as a boy*

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